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Land revenue and cesses

* 156 *Q.*—Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the balance of land revenue and cesses for 1958–59 (Fasli 1368) that remained to be collected as on 31st March 1959;

(*b*) the total arrears of land revenue and cesses that remained to be collected as on 31st March 1959; and

(*c*) the steps taken to collect them?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Rs. 88,95,404.

(*b*) Rs. 1,17,79,957.

(*c*) The collection of land revenue and cesses is watched by monthly reviews by the Collectors, the Board of Revenue and the Government. The Collectors have been given necessary instructions from time to time. Additional staff is also being sanctioned, whatever needed, for the work connected with the collection of arrears.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : As the arrears are mounting up from year to year, will the Government be pleased to take expeditious steps to realise them?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : Yes, Sir, Government are already taking steps to collect the arrears but sometimes various reasons like bad seasons should be taken into account. Therefore, the Government are examining the matter.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Has the separation of the Judiciary from the Executive any adverse effect on the arrears to be collected by the Revenue Department?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : I do not think so.

Sri M. ETHIRAJALU : இந்தத் தொகை எந்த ஜில்லாவிலே அதிகமாக இருக்கிறது என்று சொல்ல முடியுமா ?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : அதற்கான புள்ளி விவரம் தற்காலம் இல்லே.

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : Now that there are revenue officers at the district level appointed in addition to the District Collector, will the Board of Revenue issue special instructions so as to see that the arrears which are more than Rs. 1,17,00,000 are realised in the course of this year?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : The hon. Member says that there are revenue officers and I do not know what he means by that. Does he mean the Revenue Divisional Officer?

Dr. A. CHIDAMBARANATHAN : No. Revenue officers apart from the District Collectors are to be appointed under the new scheme. I refer to them.

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU : They have not yet come into the picture. That is a matter to be done hereafter.